shut until the Lord Keeper had ended his speech Wherefore they returned back again to their own House much discoatented

The Lord Keeper declared that it was her Majesty's desire that this Parliament should be dissolved before Christmas and his advice was that laws m force might be revised and explained but no new laws made Our enemies, saith he, are enemies to God, the Queen and the peace of this Kingdom, conspired to overthrow Religion, to reduce us to a tyrannical servitude, which enemies he named to be the Bishop of Rome and the King of Spain Our state being thus, he summoned them to be provident, by reason we deal with a provident enemy, and confident because God hath ever, and he hoped will ever, bless the Queen with successful fortune

Then he fell to persuade, because new occasions were offered of consultations, to be provident in provision of means for our defence and safety, seeing the King of Spain means to make England miserable by beginning with Ireland, neither doth he begin with the rebels, but with the territory of the Queen herself Then showed he that treasure must be the means, for treasure is the sinews of war

The speech being ended certain of those that had got into the Upper House returned to the Lower, among them Sir William Knollys, the Controller When they had been set Mr Lieffe stood up and showed the great wrong done unto the greatest of the members of the House in their not being suffered to come into the Upper House to hear her Majesty's pleasure, and humbly desired that the effect thereof might be imparted unto some of the members of this House for their better satis-

faction , which Mr Controller did think very reasonable and meet to<be done at convenient time, so did he impute the fault wholly to the Gentleman usher of the Upper house.

After some further pause Mr. Controller stood up and declaring that his place was to break the silence of the House for that time, and putting the House in mind to make choice of a Speaker according to her Majesty's pleasure, showed that in his opinion he thought Mr John Croke, Recorder of London, to be a very fit, able and sufficient man to supply the whole charge of the office of Speaker, being a gentleman very religious, very